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Budget buying votes: Scott

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The budget tabled by Kathleen Wynne's Liberal government in Queen's Park last week is nothing but a last-minute attempt for the government to save itself by purchasing Ontarians' votes with their own money, says Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

"Truly, it's an election budget," Scott told the paper in a phone interview. "They're buying your votes."

The \$158.5-billion budget tabled on March 28 contains big spending, including some \$20 billion in new spending over three years, on everything from enhanced drug and dental coverage to free daycare for preschoolers to a benefit for seniors who still live in their own homes. Most of that new spending would be enacted beginning in 2019, and would be funded through years of deficits. The projected deficit for the 2018-19 fiscal year is \$6.7 billion.

Of the government's doubling down on various types of "care" for Ontarians, Scott,

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Boys break into B-ball season

A Wildcats player drives past a Jaguars defender during exhibition action between the visiting J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School senior boys' basketball team and host school Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Wednesday, March 28 in Minden. See more on page 8./DARREN LUM Staff

MH acquires lot, now owns block

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills has reached an agreement to purchase a parcel of land abutting the municipal property where the township office is located.

The contract, approved by councillors during a March 29 meeting, shows the township will pay \$60,000 for the 70-by-80-foot property, along with covering up to \$2,500 in legal fees for the seller.

"At least two terms of council have worked diligently to try to acquire this, and this is a wonderful resolution," said Mayor Brent Devolin during last week's meeting.

In February, council had voted to enact the expropriation process in order to acquire the property.

"We don't take this action lightly. There has been many overtures to the property owners of at least two sessions of council, the previous council," Devolin said at the time. "We didn't come to this quickly."

The acquisition of that property, which fronts onto Prince Street and backs onto the municipal parking lot, means the township now owns the block extending from St. Germain to Milne streets, and bordered by Prince Street and the parking lot. A rental home that once existed on the property burned down years ago. It had been located next to another rental house that had been owned by the municipality, and next to that

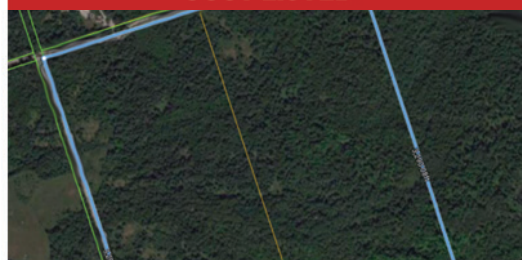
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No 'breaks' for small businesses

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referencing the province's high hydro costs, said the government hasn't seemed to care about residents for the past decade or so.

"Now, 70 days from an election, they care," she said.

Scott criticized what she said was a lack of tax breaks for small businesses.

"In rural Ontario, small businesses create jobs," she said. "Small businesses didn't get any breaks."

The budget does include some \$900 million in spending over 10 years for what the government calls its Jobs and Prosperity Fund, which it says would help create 70,000 jobs.

The budget also included an income tax increase for the top 17 per cent of earners in the province, those making \$71,500 or more per year, which, according to the finance minister, would equate to about 1.8 million Ontarians. Under the framework, someone earning \$95,000 a year would pay \$168 more in income tax; someone earning \$130,000, \$200 more. The lowest 680,000 or so income earners would pay less income tax, and the bulk of Ontarians would see no change.

Scott was asked if she supported higher income taxes for the province's highest earners.

"Overall, it's relief," she said, adding the PCs would make life more affordable for Ontarians. "It's reducing hydro, it's removing cap-and-trade."

Scott repeatedly criticized the government for years of in-

action on high hydro costs, something she's presented numerous petitions on.

"Hydro has been the tipping point for a lot more poverty than I've ever seen in our area," she said.

While the PCs had an established platform under former leader Patrick Brown, one has not been established under the party's new leader, former Toronto city councillor Doug Ford.

The platform that had been endorsed under Brown contained a carbon tax that would have generated billions of dollars a year in revenue. Ford has said publicly he will not endorse a carbon tax, and that he plans to cut costs in the province without cutting jobs.

"We're not looking at job layoffs in government," Scott told the paper, adding that by following recommendations in auditor generals' reports, that efficiencies could be found without costing jobs.

"That's the approach we're looking at," she said. Scott added that, "Doug Ford's been a businessman for a long time."

Scott said she didn't have a timeline on when the party's platform would be rolled out.

"I know they're working on it," she said.

A highlight of the budget for Haliburton County is the inclusion of \$71 million toward a \$200-million-plus broadband Internet expansion project being headed up by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is owned by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Requests for funding for that proj-

ect were made to the provincial and federal levels of government more than a year ago.

That money had been included for broadband expansion was noted by Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin during a council meeting the morning after the budget was presented.

Devolin said the budget contained "the good, the bad and the ugly," but was pleased to see money for the EORN project included.

"I gave our MPP a call, Laurie Scott, and that fully has her support," Devolin said, "and within her caucus, and she's confident that if we happen to have a blue team instead of a red team, or even if there's a minority government or whatever, that it has the backing of the Conservatives, as well as the Liberals. Certainly, for connectivity in Haliburton County, this is a watershed moment and a great thing."

"Of course, we've been supportive of that for years," Scott told the paper, adding that she and MP Jamie Schmale were both supporters of the project. "It's good economic policy as well."

"Of course, there are always some things in the budget you agree with," Scott said.

As for the election, while the PCs have yet to publicly unveil a plan, Scott said it comes down to the fact that the Liberal plan is simply to continue to spend and spend, and that one day, the bill will arrive for future generations to pay off.

"You can't just keep on spending," she said.

Council likely to develop property

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was located the Pritchard House, also owned by the township. The municipally owned buildings were demolished in late 2015. Currently, the only structure on the block is the aging Minden Hills fire hall. After the new fire hall, currently under construction along Highway 35, becomes operational, it is likely the township will demolish the old hall, freeing up the block for some kind of new use.

Just what will happen on the land is unclear at this point, but Devolin has said in the past it's council's intention to further develop that part of the block.



The Township of Minden Hills is purchasing this Prince Street lot, giving the township ownership of the entire block on which it is located. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Raising the flag for awareness

Members of Minden Hills council and staff raise the flag for autism awareness outside the municipal office on the morning of April 3. April is National Autism Awareness Month. /Photo submitted

MH to reduce landfill hours

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council has voted to make some changes to operations at the township's landfills and transfer stations including, most notably, the year-round closure of the Scotch Line landfill on Wednesdays.

Currently, the Scotch Line site is closed on Wednesdays during the fall and winter, but open all week during the cottage season.

The change will come into effect on July 1.

"After several years of collecting and analyzing user patterns at all township [waste disposal sites], staff has concluded that the hours of operation could be reduced at the Scotch Line landfill site and Ingoldsby transfer station," read a report from environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram. "User levels at these sites are lower on certain days of the week and certain hours of the day."

Scotch Line will close on Wednesdays year-round, and the summer hours at the Ingoldsby transfer station will be shortened by one hour, from noon until 7 p.m.

"I mentioned my concern is that sometimes people are a bit slow to get the information, and I wondered if maybe we would consider it after the summer season," said Mayor Brent Devolin during a March 29 council meeting.

Ingram said new landfill cards would be sent to residents in their second tax bill this year, and suggested old cards be permitted up until the new hours take effect.

Both the requirement for new landfill cards and reduced hours will commence July 1.

Council also voted to reduce the allotted staff time for site preparation and clean-up at its waste disposal sites, from about 2,400 collective hours throughout the year to about 1,200.

The township is making other changes to landfill operations, including increased bulldozing and chipping.

The reduced hours will save the township just less than \$20,000 a year, the changes to site prep and clean-up just more than \$20,000, for a combination of about \$40,000.



Up River Trading Co. has expanded inside and out, with some of the former outdoor patio making way for more cozy indoor space, and the outdoor street-side patio sharing space with an upper-deck patio that offers a view of the happenings on Bobcaygeon Road. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Up River movin' on up...stairs

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Traffic has slowed down after rounding the corner of Bobcaygeon Road on Minden's main street recently, as curious passersby check out a flurry of work being done at Up River Trading Co.

A photo of the construction taking place on the beloved street-side patio of the busy downtown cafe and gift/home accessory shop elicited comments on social media from people excited to see an expansion on the store after a winter in which a few businesses on the street closed their doors.

"We've heard really great feedback, really, really great feedback," said Paul Roy, Up River Trading Co. co-owner. "With businesses closing in downtown Minden, we're actually growing. People are just excited we're going to be a bigger spot now."

Roy said the expansion of the store and creation of an upper deck patio was designed and engineered by Mike McKeon, his partner and co-owner of the business.

"It was born out of necessity," said Roy. "We felt like it was time to expand the store, and we didn't want to lose any real estate on our patio, which is quite popular in the high season."

The upper patio will be accessible by stairs, but ground-level patio space remains next to the store addition.

"We're really happy," said Roy. "We're encouraged. It felt like the right business decision for us. We're just going based on reaction and feedback. We're very pleased."

Roy applauded the work of Jeff Howe Construction, whose team quickly finished the project in time for a soft-opening before Easter weekend.

"We can't rave about them enough," said Roy.

Up River Trading Co. opened a second location on Highland Street in Haliburton last April.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Scott Moore reaches for the sky

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

“It all started, actually, at a bus stop,” says Scott Moore.

About six or seven years ago, the longtime Minden resident was waiting at the school bus stop with his daughter, when fellow parent and friend Brigitte Gall started asking him what the weather was going to be like. (Gall told the *Times* that Moore’s ‘bus stop weather forecast’ was usually 90 to 100 per cent right, including roughly the time when active weather was going to start.)

“The next morning, she would say, ‘boy, were you right, thanks...what’s today’s weather going to be?’,” laughs Moore. From there, Gall convinced him to put his forecasts online, and Minden meteorological history was made.

Three or four years ago, Moore posted his first local weather report on his social media page, which has spread to four other public group pages in the area, and he hasn’t stopped. The forecasts detail quite accurate weather in this region – temperatures, up-to-the-minute rain and snow reports, even with a shout out to events happening in the area – and receive plenty of comments from people in Haliburton County but also Bobcaygeon, Toronto, Florida and B.C. wanting to know what to expect in the day. One woman in Calgary calls her sister here, who doesn’t have the internet, to inform her of what she can expect based on Moore’s forecast for the



Not a cloud in the sky for Minden’s meteorologist Scott Moore, who cheerfully keeps his fans near and far informed with daily local weather updates. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

day.

Daily, the amateur meteorologist wakes up in the very early morning hours, pulls up his computer – and sometimes his wife’s computer, too – opens several web browser screens and starts going over the data.

“I use multiple sources,” he said, citing

the Weather Network, Environment Canada, but also weather data programs developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “I don’t just go pull up The Weather Network (forecast) and say, ‘hey, there’s the weather for the day.’ It doesn’t work that way, because half the time you’ll look at it and it says it’s sunny, and it’s snowing outside. How do you trust that? I’m not trying to bash anybody, they’re all doing their job. But Haliburton County doesn’t seem to get covered like other areas do. Haliburton County has wild weather. It has distinct patterns sometimes just because of the topography, it makes it different. The weather in Stanhope can be completely different than it is in Minden. It’s almost as if there’s a line. Carnarvon seems like a line. The weather above it can be a whole new ball game.”

Moore said the information is available and accessible to everyone if they want to spend the time to learn and look at it. But it does take time – sometimes just a few minutes, but sometimes significantly longer – and it’s time he enjoys. He follows weather patterns, checks five or six different sites each morning, and determines what might be coming through data detailing low and high pressures and the direction of the wind. He follows radar stations in Churchill, Manitoba down to Oklahoma, the Stanhope live eye cam, and keeps his eye on hurricanes starting off the coast of Africa.

“It’s not just a couple second process,” he said. “I really actually spend quality time [on it]. I never profess to be a meteorologist. Those guys went to school for it, they do their thing, they probably understand more than I even do, but I enjoy it. And that’s why I do it.”

He developed an interest in weather at a very young age, recalling seeing his first tornado with his dad when he was just 10 or 11.

“I was just a little kid out in the middle of Muskoka,” he said. “He pointed it out to me and said, ‘Hey, there’s a tornado over there.’ So I rode my bike down, and there was 600 feet of trees missing. It was awesome.”

He still marvels about the massive snowstorm that buried Minden from Moore Falls to the bottom of 12 Mile Lake one December

about a decade ago.

“We got about 150-some-odd centimetres in 30 hours,” he said. “Nobody said that we were going to get that. Somebody missed. Somebody missed bad. I might have been online looking at stuff, but I never really focused on it until after that happened.”

Moore details the weather for the day, but also overnight, sometimes posting later in the evening to keep people up-to-date.

“If I’m at home and can look at it, I say, listen, this is the chance we have for thunderstorms or snowstorms overnight,” he said. “And people will look at that, because it’ll control what they’re doing, or dictate what they’re doing.”

As a result, he’s been able to help people find the perfect window in rough weather to drive to Ottawa, though he clarifies that just like meteorologists, he’s not perfect. Not for lack of trying, though.

“I actually have not missed a day,” he said, noting his passion saw him posting from Florida while on vacation, and that people ask where he is online if he hasn’t posted. “The one day I was in a spot where I had no internet access for 12 hours, and I still got home at 8 o’clock at night and posted something that said, ‘wasn’t that an awesome day?’ because I said the day before we were going to have an awesome day.”

Despite the work it takes to study the data and post every day, Moore said it’s worth it if he can help.

“Somebody asked me the other day, they said, when is the pressure going to change, because I’ve had a headache for two days,” said Moore.

He said being aware of weather coming and going can help understand aches and pains in the body.

“They’re just numbers, but they mean something to somebody’s head,” he said.

Moore said there are many days in which he can’t believe his early morning habit has led to a regular following on social media, but that it’s fun to be able to translate the hobby into something helpful for others.

“I still enjoy doing it,” he said. “When I stop enjoying it is when I will stop. But I enjoy it. It’s my morning. It’s what I do.”

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A blank canvas

THE PURCHASE of a Prince Street property gives the Township of Minden Hills a perfect opportunity for a new civic space in downtown Minden.

Last week, councillors approved a contract for the municipality to buy the property, which fronts onto Prince Street and backs onto the municipal parking lot. Some residents may recall a home that once existed on the property burned down a number of years ago. It's the same block where the Pritchard House and a rental home owned by the township also once stood. Those buildings were demolished in 2015. Currently, the only building on the strip of land is the Minden Hills fire hall, and when the new fire hall opens on Highway 35 in what should be short order, it will mean that the now-municipally owned chunk of land bordered by St. Germain, Prince and Milne Streets, as well as the municipal lot, will be available for a new purpose.

There will undoubtedly be some calls to simply enlarge the parking lot, providing extra spaces that would surely be much appreciated during the peak summertime days of July and August, when parking in the village can be less than ample.

However, while it may be utilitarian, parking is also incredibly boring, and would be a waste of space better dedicated to a community purpose.

There is relatively little public green space in downtown Minden. There is the Riverwalk pathway

around the Gull River and the slice of the main drag that is the Village Green.

The newly created municipal property is the logical location for a small park.

The beauty of a park is that it's an ever-unfinished project that can be added to, and changed over time.

Some benches, some gardens. Some nice public washrooms. Maybe a fountain. Maybe a gazebo or bandstand. Downtown Minden



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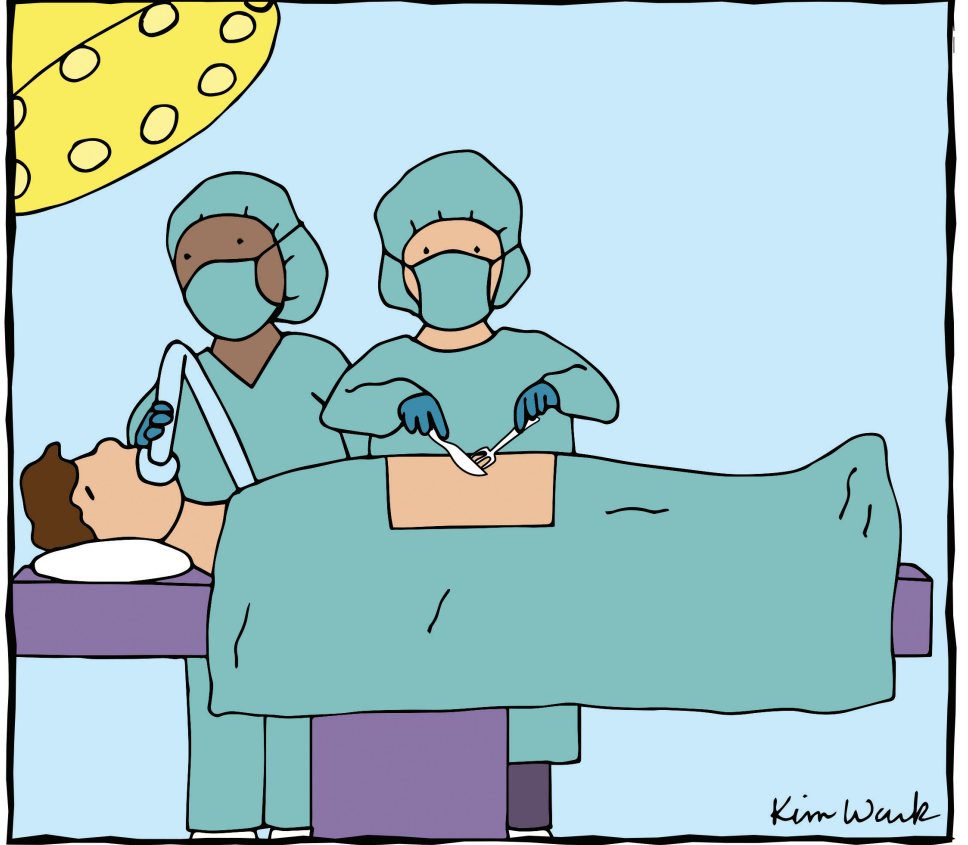
has no dedicated outdoor space for the performing arts. There's often funding available to help municipalities with these types of projects. There's also the opportunity to partner with clubs and organizations. Think of the rustic Rotary

bandstand in Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village.

Speaking of Haliburton Village, the council for Dysart et al just gave the go-ahead to a project by the Sculpture Forest and Haliburton BIA that will see a changing roster of sculptures exhibited throughout the village. Essentially a seasonal art exhibit, it's a great program and one that could be emulated in downtown Minden. A park at Prince Street would also provide space for such installations, and other public art.

While an expansion of the parking lot may come in handy for a couple of months of the year, a park would be used year-round, and would bring an increased sense of civic pride and vibrancy to downtown Minden.

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Plastic Surgery

Laws and order

THE OTHER DAY I went for a walk in a local woodlot when a jake turkey caught my attention by trotting across a five yard wide opening. Just as his ink-black body and bobbing white head crossed my line of sight another turkey broke cover and followed. Then came one more, another, and finally the last.

In total five jakes had crossed within easy gun range.

This type of event is a longstanding tradition for me every spring prior to the turkey season. It is so common I have come to think of it as the March of the Teaser Birds and I celebrate it each year by imagining what would have happened if it was turkey season.

I'm not delusional, however. I know this is probably the turkeys' way of making me feel worse because it generally happens on property I don't have hunting access to.

Nevertheless the experience was not without value. There is always something to be learned from watching nature.

In this case, I learned a thing or two about the laws of order.

Let me explain.

Imagine this was hunting season and I was watching that opening with gun in hand.

For the first bird, things could have gone one of two ways. He could have either caused me to send out a hurried shot, which are often the best because instinct takes over, or he might have slipped by without being shot at all.

The second bird would have definitely been at greater risk because by the time he stepped into view I would have stopped fumbling with my shotgun, taken it off safety and it would have been already pointing in its general direction.

The third bird would have been in the

worst position for two reasons. First, I would have been totally ready for it. Second, after snapping off one or two hurried shots and missing both preceding birds, I would have finally settled down for my third and final shot. This time I would have remembered to take my time and lead it.

And now we come to bird number four, the smartest of them all. This is a bird that really thought things through. He probably knew that most turkey guns only hold three shells at most. With this in mind, he most likely reasoned that my gun would be empty by the time he, the fourth bird, left cover.

And though the same thing applies for bird five, bird four also had the good sense to realize that it is never smart to be the last bird in a line, since they are the ones a trailing predator catches first.

If you think there is not much of a lesson here, it's only because you are not applying these principles to everyday life.

For instance, if there is a new truck stop on the highway,

it's probably not good to be first one who tries "The Special." The second person might not do too well either, especially if he or she was the guest of the first person. The third person might do better by simply avoiding "The Special," especially if he or she had heard of the fate of the first two. The fourth person would certainly just be ordering a coffee and avoiding any issues altogether, since, by the time he got there, word would have gotten out to steer clear of "The Special." And, OK, the fifth person would not even go there but might also get rear ended as he's changing his mind on the highway exit.

As you can see, there is a lot you can learn by watching turkeys. Last year I learned you should never answer strange calls.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Toodle – luma luma

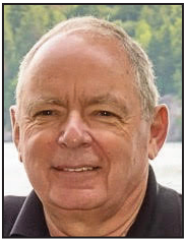
THE FIRST rain showers of April, scattered, brief and chilly as they were in the past week, have brought out something more than just the promise of May flowers.

Spring showers prompt us to drag from winter storage our most mundane and underrated item: the umbrella.

The rain umbrella, as commonplace and homely as a mud puddle, is a proclaimer of winter's end. It signals hibernation for snow shovels and the appearance of summer fun brollies unfolded on patios, beaches and stuffed into golf bags.

Mundane as it is, the common umbrella has been around since just after the Stone Age and has intriguing stories to tell.

It is believed to have been invented in China in the 11th century B.C. as a parasol to shield people of high standing from the sun. Its name comes from the Latin word *umbros*, meaning shade or shadow.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Umbrellas appeared in ancient Greece and Rome in the first century B.C., mainly as sun shades held by the slaves of nobles. Somewhere along the way someone figured out the umbrella could be used as a shield against rain if its silk was waterproofed.

The umbrella was seen as a feminine accessory until the mid-1700s when Jonas Hanway, an English philanthropist, became the first Londoner to carry an umbrella, suffering the indignities of coachmen who hooted at him and called him a sissy. A visit to a rainy London street now confirms Hanway as a trend setter far ahead of his time.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of modifications and patents followed and brought us the collapsible umbrella, the telescopic umbrella; even an umbrella that can withstand winds of up to 100 kilometres per hour without turning inside out.

One especially notable modification was the \$17,000 Kevlar umbrella carried by the bodyguards of former French president Nicholas Sarkozy. It would not stop bullets but would reduce their impact and provide some protection from stones or other materials thrown at Sarkozy from above.

That umbrella will not afford him much protection in prison, where he is headed if convicted of corruption and influence peddling charges laid against him recently.

Security agencies often used the umbrella in their secret work. They fitted umbrella shafts with retractable blades and even modified them to fire flechettes, steel-point projectiles.

Back in 1978 Bulgarian dissident writer Georgi Markov was assassinated with a poison-tipped umbrella. Markov was standing on London's Waterloo Bridge when someone walked by him, stabbing him in the thigh with a ricin-laced umbrella tip. It is widely believed the KGB was behind it.

When the Bulgarian government collapsed in 1989 umbrellas modified to fire little darts were found in one government building.

Most of the world's umbrellas now are made in China. One town, Songxia, is known as the Umbrella City because it is reported to have 1,200 umbrella manufacturers with 40,000 participating workers, some of who work in factories while others work at home.

The Songxia Umbrella Industrial Park is said to have the capacity to produce 500 million umbrellas.

Umbrellas became symbols of the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement in 2014. Protesters carried them not just as a symbol but as protection against tear gas and pepper spray used by police.

There don't appear to be any accurate or believable figures on how many umbrellas are sold worldwide each year. The number has to be in the hundreds of millions. U.S. statistics show that Americans buy 33 million umbrellas annually.

Sales flourish because so many people misplace their umbrellas. Last year 10,000 left behind umbrellas were turned in to the London, England public transit lost and found. Only a small per cent were reclaimed.

The umbrella is ubiquitous in song and movies. Who could forget *Mary Poppins* or *Singin' in the Rain*?

The umbrella song that no one remembers, but the one I can never forget, is the famous pre-Second World War tune "The Umbrella Man."

It was always high on my mother's play list when she was in a singing mood. In fact, I am told she belted it out to a night club crowd in an impromptu performance after a few drinks. The nightclub patrons apparently went wild.

"Toodle – luma luma
Toodle – luma luma
Toodle – oh lay
Any umbrellas, any umbrellas
To mend today?"

Email: shaman@vianet.ca

Profile: <http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B001K8FY3Y>

Coming to life with the rising sap

IDON'T KNOW about you, but my creative juices tend to dry up during the winter. I'm not a winter person and I don't get out nearly enough in the cold weather. So it was with relief and happiness that I ventured forth during this past spate of sunny weather, to go walking with Zita.

Zita is what I call a Minden mutt; black and long-coated, built low to the ground, she's probably a cross between a poodle and a shih tzu. She raced ahead across the farmer's field until she found patches of snow on which to roll. Her delight at the weather mirrored my own as we headed for the woods, several hundred yards away.

It's the time of year for maple syruping, and our neighbours the Sedgwicks have been tapping their trees for generations. For the past 30 odd years I have been making treks into their maple woods which lie next to their fields along the Gelert Road. After walking halfway to the tree line, I sat down on the stubby grass to contemplate the scene before me. The sky was a brilliant blue; the maples, not yet in full bud, were grey-brown, the sloping field where I sat was yellowed, and the field below me, still snow-covered, was blindingly white. I realized that I was appreciating nature and beauty again, a feeling that had been dulled by the repetitiveness of winter. I was seeing things anew, and for the first time in months I had one of those increasingly rare "it's good to be alive," moments.

Zita was still rolling in a snow patch when I got up to continue my journey towards the maple woods. I could see sap buckets glittering in the sun as I reached the tree-line, and I noticed that there was still a bit of snow in the bush. Tread marks from a tractor patterned the snow, where one of the Sedgwick clan had made the rounds, hanging buckets.

It was more than 10 years ago now, in these very same woods, while I was making a promotional video for Haliburton County, that I observed Wendell Sedgwick, a preacher and farmer, using his Belgian horses for syrup gathering. I got some great footage of the whole syrup-making process. To see the horses working in the snow, with Wendell guiding them on the sled, and later seeing him stooped over the smoking fire, stirring the

boiling syrup, are images I'll never forget.

Some of those images, courtesy of some fine editing by Midori Nagai, were cut into a short documentary called *Drawn From Wood*, which might still occasionally be seen playing on the television at the Wintergreen Maple Syrup Barn, just down the road from these Sedgwick woods. Of course Wintergreen has its own modern system of producing syrup, and their operation is great for families to experience; but for me nothing can compare visually with the old ways of gathering sap and making syrup.

During the videotaping of those scenes with Wendell Sedgwick, when his horses were straining to pull a sled filled with firewood for the evaporators, I was struck by the amazing similarity with what I saw before me and a painting by artist André Lapine that is in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Lapine was known to paint in the area, and somehow I just

knew that these woods were the same ones in that particular painting. At that moment I remember feeling as though I was a connecting link in history.

Now, as I stood looking at the shacks that house the holding tanks and evaporators, I sadly recalled that Wendell Sedgwick, that icon of Gelert, was no longer with us. He died from an accident on the family farm in 2004. Gone too was that "Gentle Cavalier" Lapine, who passed away in 1952. Did they ever meet? The older trees still remain, and they could tell us, if they could only speak. Some of them are over 100 years old, and I remember Wendell telling me that the older trees were not so good for sap production.

I'd lost track of time within my reveries, and Zita was nowhere in sight. But a sharp whistle brought her to my side, her little face happy and expectant. As we walked back across the field ravens swooped overhead, one of them carrying a large twig. It was nesting season for them, and not so very far off for other birds. I realized that the walk had done me good, and that on this particular day I'd forgotten about life's daily stresses. Instead I thought that in concert with the rising of the sap my own inspirational juices were once again flowing, after a winter of dormancy. And that put a thankful smile on my face.



GEORGE FARRELL

Special to the Times

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A Wildcats player leaps up to block a Jaguars shooter during exhibition action between the visiting J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School senior boys' basketball team and host school Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Wednesday, March 28 in Minden. The senior squads squared off for preparation for their upcoming season./DARREN LUM Staff



Exhibition action
On an inbounded ball, a Wildcats player readies to accept the pass, as Jaguars defenders watch.



A Wildcats player leaps for a layup against a Jaguars defender.

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Jumping Rope

I WAS NEVER good at jumping rope. Double Dutch just about scared me out of the playground. Not only could I not jump but I was also kicked off the rope turning team. That is the epitome of incoordination.

As an adult, jumping rope still scares me. When I think of doing it my body cringes with pain. It's not until I pick up the rope and get going that I am reminded of what an amazing activity jumping rope can be. It's no wonder it is a mainstay of boxing training. While I am a long way from pulling off the "floating like a butterfly" part of the equation, I can now do various moves.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

I believe jumping rope is one of the most perfect training activities. First it is totally accessible. All that is needed is a rope, and a small area with a high ceiling or no ceiling (the weather is changing folks). Second, it takes no time at all. A couple of minutes a few days a week can make a huge difference in your fitness level. Lastly, there are total body benefits to be gained from this exercise.

I've had people voice their concern about jumping rope being hard on their joints. This is true, but too much of anything is hard on our joints, and on our entire bodies. If you would like to bring this activity into your routine here are some tips I share with my clients:

- Purchase a good rope that doesn't get twisted because that is frustrating, and makes the jumping part even harder.
- Use a yoga mat to jump on (or another non-slip mat) to add cushioning.
- Start with no rope and do five gentle jumps (work on landing softly) while you turn your hands like you have a rope in them. Rest for a few seconds, and repeat a few times.
- Add the rope to the equation. Stick with five small jumps, and stop. Repeat.
- When you're comfortable with the five in a row, take it to six, and then seven, etc.

When you're ready, look up other movements that you can challenge yourself with like side-to-side, one foot forward, crossovers, etc. There is tons of information on the Internet.

It's important to increase the challenge a little bit at a time. It can be over days, weeks or months. It doesn't matter. Every jump that you do is one more than you did before. Bit by bit, you will get stronger. This is a cardio weight bearing exercise. It's good for your heart, your muscles and your bones. Then, when you add the fancy tricks, you add improved coordination to the list. How perfect is that?

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness: www.thepointforfitness.com.



Bowling Scores

Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Casey Heley 179
Skylar Pratt 166
Jason Kitchenner 165
Jason Cochrane 155
Buddy Plouffe 154
Robin Fletcher 152

Monday afternoon, March 26

High Average (cumulative)
Women – Chris Cote – 200
Men – Claude Cote – 206
This Week's Highs – Women
High Single – Chris Cote – 260
High Triple – Chris Cote – 614
High Single Hcp – June Beadle – 299
High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote – 737
This Weeks Highs – Men

High Single – Claude Cote – 260
High Triple – Claude Cote – 681
High Single Hcp – Claude Cote – 276
High Triple Hcp – Claude Cote – 729

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores March 27

Men
High Average Claude Cote 219
High Single Warren Ross 246
High Single H/C Warren Ross 309
High Triple Neil Darby 599
High Triple H/C Warren Ross 764

Women
High Average Chris Cote 198
High Single Chris Cote 213
High Single H/C Lisa Ross 238
High Triple Chris Cote 271
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A day of feature length and short documentaries at the Pinestone Resort on April 7

10:30 a.m. – Abacus: Small Enough To Jail – 88 minutes

A gripping real-life legal thriller with far-reaching implications. Accused of mortgage fraud, Abacus becomes the only U.S. bank to face criminal charges in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. The indictment and subsequent trial forces the Sung family to defend themselves – and their bank's legacy in the Chinatown community. 2018 Academy Award nominee.

2 p.m. - Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story - 90 minutes

When Nazi U-Boats torpedoed a ship carrying 83 school children during the Second World War, Hollywood movie star, Hedy Lamarr, "the most beautiful woman in the world," decided to exact revenge. At night, after shooting her scenes on set, she worked on a secret radio system that would revolutionize mobile communications all over the world, a feat that would directly lead to the creation of secure communications for wireless phones, Bluetooth, GPS and Wi-Fi technology itself.

4 p.m. - Faces Places – 89 minutes

Oscar nominated, Faces Places is a lively, fun, stirring tribute to art and its ability

to touch people and bring souls together. Equal parts breezily charming and poignantly powerful, Faces Places is a unique cross-generational portrait of life in rural France from the great filmmaker, Agnès Varda.

7:30 p.m. - Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World - 103 minutes

Using playful re-creations and little-known stories, alongside concert footage, audio archives, and interviews with living legends, this deeply insightful film cements how some of our most treasured artists and songs found their inspiration in ancient, native melodies and harmonies that were infused with a desire to resist. You'll never listen to your favourite rock and roll classics the same way again.

9:30 p.m. – Wrap Party – 120 minutes

The Highlander Room at Pinestone Resort will be the place to decompress and chat about all the stories from the day. Cash bar and appetizers will be available.

Pinestone Resort has offered a special room rate of \$115 plus tax for those who'd prefer to stay. Ask for the Doc(k) Day rate.

Passes are \$30 for the day and can be purchased at the door or online at Brown Paper Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3330234.

Individual tickets are \$10 and available before each show.

HHSS wins challenge for third time

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School won the 16th annual Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Great Grain Challenge (formerly the Great Pasta Challenge) for a third consecutive year with close to three points per student.

This challenge is organized by the G7 Student Senate – a group of students representing each secondary school elected by their peers.

According to the TLDSB website, HHSS finished with more than double the points of the next closest school, Huntsville High School, which finished with 1.16 points.

There were seven schools in the challenge: HHSS, Huntsville, Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Gravenhurst High School, I.E. Weldon Secondary School and Lindsay

Collegiate Vocational Institute.

The win is owed to the community and the school, volunteering students, student trustee Madeline Hopkins, faculty such as Brianne Pockett and especially local merchants such as Steve Todd of Todd's Independent Grocer and Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland.

Hopkins credited the local grocery store owners for their contribution, particularly since students from other areas were not able to secure support from their local grocers.

The challenge's name change was attributed to a new points system, allocating two points for each whole grain product and one for a grain product.

The Red Hawks finished with a total of 1,337 points, contributing the greatest single total of the entire 3,588 points collected by the seven participating high schools.

Although this result is a great success, the real winners are the food banks throughout the area covered by the participating schools.




Young artists make it

The Making It show opened in Haliburton's Rails End Gallery on the weekend featuring Highlands artists Tiffany Howe, Noelia Marziali and Sophie Creelman. These three young working artists were congratulated on their show at the gallery on Saturday, March 31. You can see their work until May 20. /JENN WATT Staff



A detail of Sophie Creelman's work Metamorphosis - mixed media, acrylic and resin on canvas. Creelman was one of three artists featured at Making It, a show at Rails End Gallery on until May 20.



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Program provides financial assistance to create more housing

In keeping with the goal to improve community access to safe, affordable housing, the City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton opened registration for four programs on April 1:

- 2018 Secondary Suite Program (application deadline May 31, 2018)
- Kawartha-Haliburton Renovates (application deadline April 30, 2018)
- 2018 Multi-Unit Rehabilitation Program (application deadline May 31, 2018)
- New - Rental Housing Program for the City of Kawartha Lakes (application deadline May 31, 2018)

"These programs provide a sustainable way to address outcomes from the Affordable Housing Framework that was approved by both the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton councils," said Hope Lee, manager of Housing Services. "These programs offer homeowners financial assistance to upgrade their homes to allow a secondary suite, to become accessible for people with disabilities, and to provide affordable housing options for our residents."

The programs will provide affordable housing options for low income families and renters as the current affordable housing options are limited, given the very low vacancy rate in the area.

There are more than 1,400 residents waiting for financially assisted housing in the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton, many of those who identify with homelessness. The vacancy rate for rental apartments was noted as 0.8 per cent in a recent Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation survey and the average market rent for apartments in Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton are often higher than those in the City of Peterborough.

Work is also well underway to maintain a by-name list of those actively facing homelessness. Homeless individuals are added to this list when they complete an assessment, and then are prioritized for housing and support services.

There are currently 1,415 households waiting three to five years for financially assisted housing. The number of applicants on the waitlist has nearly tripled since 2013.

2018 Secondary Suite Program

As of April 1, 2018, homeowners in the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton who qualify can apply for funding under the Secondary Suite Program. Those interested in applying must meet the following criteria:

- Home must be located within the City of Kawartha Lakes or County of Haliburton
- New one or two bedroom self-contained apartment created in existing single family home
- Homeowner income at or below \$76,100
- Home valued at or below \$363,127
- New unit/units must rent at or below 80 per cent of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation average rent for the 15 year period

A secondary suite is a private, self-contained unit within an existing dwelling and has its own bathroom, kitchen, living and sleeping area, but can share a number of facilities including a yard, parking area, laundry, and storage space. Secondary suite tenants would be seniors or households without dependents with income at or below the household income limit, and selected from the city's centralized waiting list.

The goal of the program is to create a minimum of 10 new units that would include one or two bedroom, self-contained apartments in existing single or semi-detached homes within the city and county for homeowners with income at or below the 60th percentile.

Visit the city's website for more information about the Secondary Suite Program.

Kawartha-Haliburton Renovates

The City of Kawartha Lakes is participating in the Ontario Renovates Component of the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario which was developed to help homeowners who are in need of repairs, energy efficient upgrades, or accessibility modifications.

The program provides renovation funding and is an interest-free, forgivable loan. Funding for accessibility modifications is supplied as a grant and does not require payment.

As of April 1, 2018, applications are being accepted for homeowners who meet the eligibility criteria:

- Maximum Household income by number of bedrooms
One bedroom \$31,000
Two bedrooms \$38,000
Three bedrooms \$43,500
Four or more bedrooms \$54,000
- Combined assets and investments of the household must not be greater than \$20,000
- Property tax, mortgage, and insurance payments must be up-to-date
- Home must be located within the City of Kawartha Lakes or County of Haliburton and cannot have an assessed value greater than \$363,127
- Home must be at least 10 years old (unless the application is for accessibility purposes)

Visit the City's website for more information about the Kawartha-Haliburton Renovates program.

2018 Multi-Unit Rehabilitation Program

The Multi-Unit Rehabilitation Program is the renovation of existing residential properties that are currently vacant and require upgrades to become habitable. The program provides a forgivable, interest free loan over a 15 year period. As of April 1, 2018, applications are being accepted from landlords of rental buildings or rooming houses and who meet the eligibility criteria:

- Unit must be located within the City of Kawartha Lakes or County of Haliburton
- One bedroom self-contained apartments or rooming houses
- New units must rent at or below 80 per cent of Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation average rent for a 15 year period

If selected, the program provides up to \$10,000 toward eligible expenses such as construction material, engineered drawings, municipal permits and more.

The goal of this program is to create a minimum of 10 new units that would include one bedroom, self-contained apartments or rooming houses within the City and County for landlords of rental buildings or rooming houses.

Visit the city's website for more information about the 2018 Multi-Unit Housing Program.

New - Rental Housing Program for the City of Kawartha Lakes

The new Rental Housing Program provides financial incentives and forgivable loans to owners and/or developers that want to build affordable rental housing. The program provides supports to low-income households in communities with a demonstrated need. Funding will be awarded to the project with the greatest benefit to the community (number of units, rent level etc.).

As of April 1, 2018, applications can be submitted from owners of land zoned for residential use with a development plan that enables the construction or conversion to start within three months of signing an agreement, and who meet the eligibility criteria:

- Unit must be located within the City of Kawartha Lakes
- One bedroom, self-contained apartments
- Rent at or below 100 per cent Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation average for a minimum of 10 years

If selected, the program provides up to \$20,000 per unit and various financial incentives. New Rental Housing tenants would consist of the homeless population, seniors, or households without dependents with income at or below the household income limit (selected from the city's centralized waiting

list or the homeless by-name list).

The goal of the program is to create a minimum of 12 new units that would have one bedroom Self-contained apartments through new construction including additions or conversion of non-residential buildings into purpose built rentals with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Visit the City's website for more information about the new rental housing program go to <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/housing-help.aspx>.

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\$4,000 fine for hunting deer during the closed season

Bernard Nicholls pleaded guilty and was fined \$4,000 for hunting white-tailed deer during the closed season. He also received a two-year probation and must successfully complete the Ontario Hunter Education Course before being able to purchase another hunting licence. His hunting equipment was seized and permanently forfeited to the Crown.

Court heard that on Dec. 19, 2017, conservation officers were in the area of Horseshoe Lake Road in Minden Hills, Haliburton County. An officer observed a male, determined to be Nicholls, dressed in full camouflage and actively bow hunting from a ground blind. Further investigation determined he had also been hunting deer on the previous day. Nicholls had placed a bait pile, ground blind and trail camera for deer hunting purposes, and was aware that the bow hunting

season for deer had closed on Dec. 15, 2017.

Justice of the Peace Ronald Prestage heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on March 19, 2018.

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Funding increases announced for hospitals

by JENN WATT
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 29 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors.

CEO Carolyn Plummer told the board the provincial government had announced an investment of \$822 million for Ontario hospitals in their budget “with the goal to providing better access to care, reducing wait times, addressing capacity issues and better meeting the needs of Ontario’s growing and aging population,” she wrote in her report to the board.

“The budget does indicate there will be a minimum of one per cent increase to hospital budgets. We are hopeful we will be able to benefit from that in the near future. That would be applied to our upcoming fiscal year,” she said.

Asked whether the funding could be counted on if the current Liberal government does not win a majority in the June provincial election, Plummer said she was confident in the HHHS budget, but wasn’t as sure about all of the promised spending.

“I can tell you that all of the budget announcements that have been made, all of the additional funding increases that have been talked about, we didn’t include any of

those in our budget plan for the upcoming year. We are confident we are set as long as they don’t mess with what we’ve already got,” she said.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has also announced 30,000 new long-term care beds in Ontario. Plummer said in her report that during the master planning for HHHS, “we will examine what might be possible to determine how we can best take advantage of this opportunity to help support the growing need for long-term care in our community.”

Break-even at year end

Finance committee chairman David Gray reported to the board that once everything is taken into account, he expects that the health corporation would be in a break-even position March 31.

He highlighted some of the year’s successes, including hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for energy efficiency, emergency repairs and other initiatives.

“This is a remarkable accomplishment achieved by the staff of this organization that dug in and made this thing work,” said Dave Bonham, board chairman.

More volunteers than staff

Plummer took time to note that Volunteer Appreciation Week is on the horizon, the week of April 15, and that “between HHHS

and the HHHS Foundation we actually have more volunteers than we do staff.” Volunteers help with Community Support Services programs, in long-term care, in acute care, on boards of directors, in the auxiliaries and at the foundation. To recognize that dedication, there will be two events: one at the Haliburton facility on April 17 at 1 p.m. and the other on April 18 in Minden at 1 p.m.

Quality improvement targets

HHHS has submitted its annual quality improvement plan to Health Quality Ontario and it’s been posted to the corporation’s website for the public to peruse. In it is a summary of the actions taken over the last year and the goals for the year to come.

Linda Hunter, the interim VP clinical services, gave the board a summary of what the documents entail.

Last year’s achievements include “building a foundational culture of quality and safety for staff and physicians” as well as effectively tracking the medications and conditions of patients who use HHHS, ensuring they are given proper medications.

“We’re also doing well in palliative care, both in the hospital and the community,” Hunter said.

Challenges to tackle in the year ahead include reducing the number of days people are in acute care when they should be elsewhere as well as “focusing on both falls and pressure ulcers in the long-term care area and falls also in the hospital area.”

Community Paramedicine provincial example

Nearly 100 people have been enrolled

with the Community Paramedicine Program since it started in October, Plummer told the board.

The partnership between the Haliburton County Paramedic Service and HHHS assigns a specially trained paramedic to do home visits for patients. Up until recently, all patients were connected with the program through the GAIN team, which cares for frail seniors.

Plummer said the program “is now about to expand to accept referrals from other health service providers such as physicians and Family Health Team staff.”

The program helps keep seniors in their homes longer, gives family members peace of mind and allows the GAIN team to reach out more regularly to their patients.

“Currently, it is the only community paramedicine program in Ontario that involves this type of partnership and is now being seen as a leading practice for the province,” Plummer said.

Mental health services to distribute Naloxone kits

Although the health unit gives out Naloxone kits in the community for opioid overdoses, “the need for access to Naloxone has continued to increase,” Plummer reported.

Mental health services through HHHS will soon be a distribution site for the drug, which is an antidote to an opioid overdose.

HHHS staff will provide training for community members who pick up the kits on how to use the nasal spray. “This will enable family members as well as clients and individuals who use opioids to be proactively prepared in case of an overdose.”

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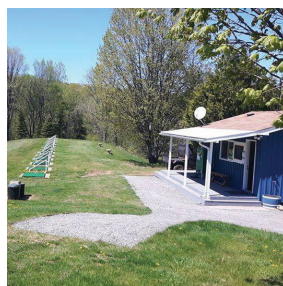
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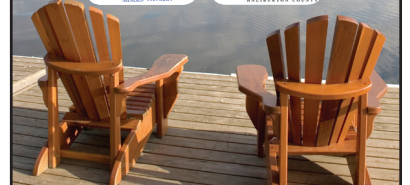
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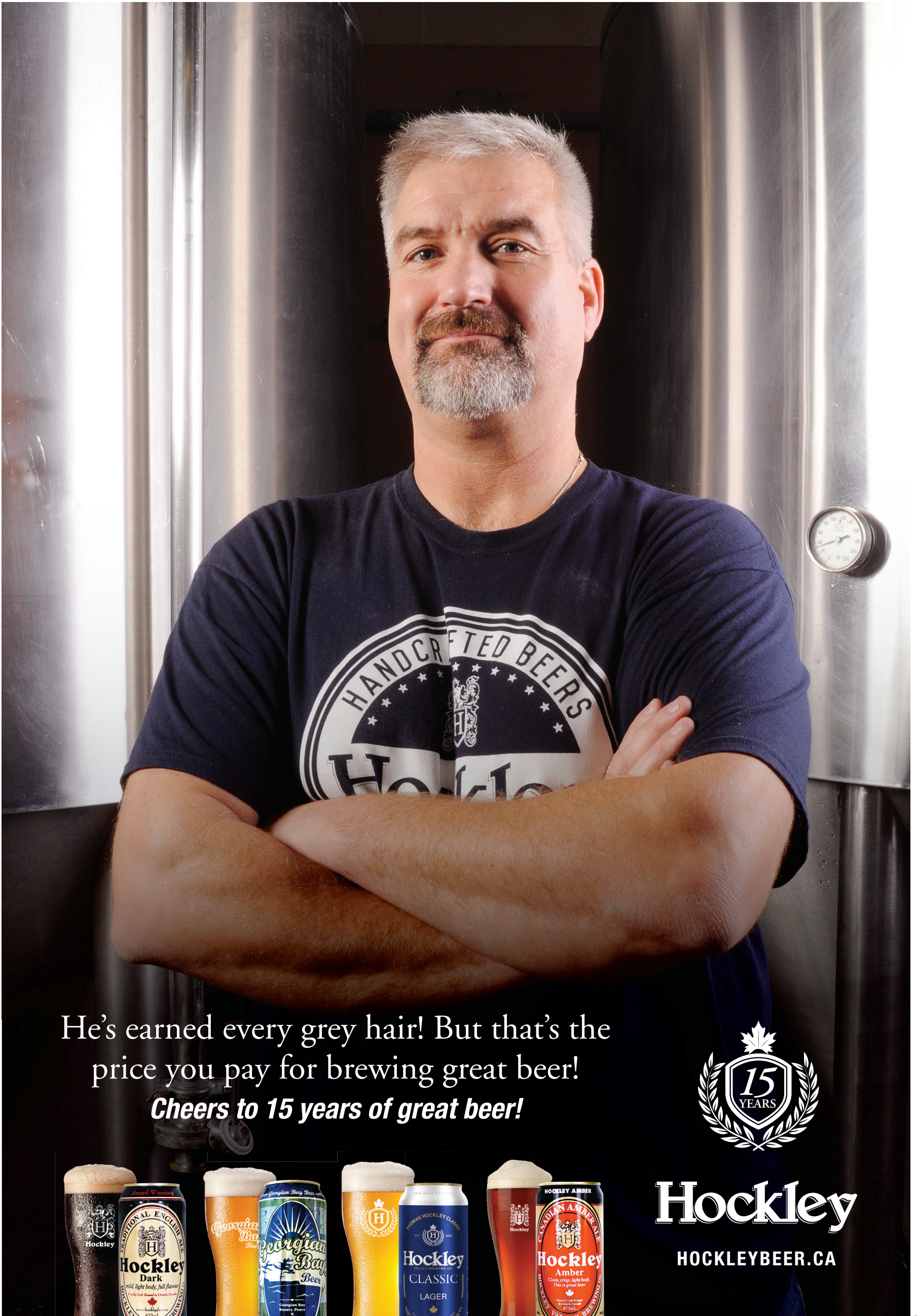
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Board cuts \$625,000

by Andrew Milne

The Haliburton County Board of Education has announced \$625,000 in cuts to bring its 1996 budget down to \$17.2 million.

These cuts just begin to address an expected \$1.2 million reduction in transfers from the province.

MPP Chris Hodgson has notified the board he will be present at their April 9 board meeting to discuss the cuts.

At \$17.2 million, the budget would only be reduced to its 1995 level — without allowances for inflation. With the anticipated provincial cut, the board would have, therefore, to make an additional \$1.2 million in cuts to avoid raising taxes.

The \$1.2 million figure is based on information from the Ministry of Education and Training (MET). Haliburton's provincial funding, under the formula, drops by about half to around six percent of its budget — extremely low by provincial standards.

The cuts announced last
(more on page 3)

ONTARIO CHAMPIONS



VICTORY RIDE: The Champion Bantams savour their victory with the traditional ride through the community on a fire truck.

by Jerry Grozelle

A near perfect season was capped Friday night for the Minden bantam OMHA Monarchs when they defeated Zurich 7-1 to earn the all-Ontario Championship. The Minden boys were undefeated in the playoffs, winning all but one game, which ended in a tie against a persistent Ops team in the quarter-finals.

"What a hockey team," said Monarchs coach Brian Shaw after the championship victory Friday night. "The coaches and parents are so proud. These kids are tremendous."

Shaw said the highlight of the game was at the end when his team had won. He watched the celebrations, some of the players

with tears in their eyes.

Shaw refused to single out any individual players, stating: "We would never have won without all 15 guys."

Support of the Minden and area fans was important to the team, Shaw pointed out.

"We appreciate the support," he said. "Minden really pulled together and rallied behind the team. We want to share this with the community."

In spite of the 7-1 final score, Shaw says the Monarchs had to work for the win, especially in the early

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'Don't close our school'

Dorset parents once again find themselves fighting for the community's school

by Andrew Milne

The Friends of the Dorset School had a very straightforward message for the board of education April 3.

President of the association, Janice Jones, told director of education Brad Saunders, board chair Wendy Ladurantaye, and local trustee Barrie Martin, "For us, closing Dorset is not an issue. Don't even think about it."

"We will fight," said Jones, over rising applause. "We will fight very hard. We've fought all along. We have a lot of fight left in us. This school is so important to our community. We have a sense of community that is very, very strong... We've seen other communities that lost their schools. In communities that have lost their schools, the community is gone, and it's very, very hard to get that back."

"We pay our taxes, and we know they pay for this school."

Between 40 and 50 people attended

the meeting, called by Dorset community members to express their concerns to the board. A recent announcement from the province of a whopping \$1.2 million cut to transfers to the Haliburton board — and the Haliburton board's announcement that it would consider closing small schools to help find the money — dominated the agenda.

Members attending seemed to come to a consensus that, should it be necessary, the board should raise local taxes rather than risk damaging the quality of education the system delivers. However they differed on how practical this would be in the face of opposition from interest groups opposed to such increases.

Saunders said other boards — including Muskoka and West Parry Sound, whose financial situations have something in common with Haliburton — are considering raising taxes. But, he told the meeting, the relative poverty of Haliburton is, and always has been, a prob-

lem.

It really goes back to the way education is funded across Ontario [see related story on page 4], said Saunders, and the fact that it leaves relatively impoverished ratepayers in counties like Haliburton high and dry.

Said Saunders, "The families in Haliburton County are not well to do by and large. Our board wants to be responsible to those kinds of families."

Some attending worried that, if the local ratepayers showed the will to shoulder the burden this year, that the province would happily load the rest on next year.

Said Peter Grauds, a Dorset resident who says he expects to have a child attending the school soon, "If we get things going a certain way this year, I'm sure the province will say next year do it again. And that adds up. It sounds wonderful. Some of the ideas sound wonderful. But they'll do it again."

Some asked whether the govern-

ment's instruction to the boards — that the costs not be passed onto the local taxpayer — wouldn't be an obstacle.

Others, however, speculated that the government's reasons for making that stipulation were entirely political. That, they say, isn't their problem.

"We elected you people to represent us," said one woman addressing the board representatives. "You have to go back to the government and say no, the people are willing to pay the tax, and we don't care about your political job. We will be willing to pay."

Small schools and the difficulty of running them in harsh economic times have been a perennial issue for the Haliburton board, and for rural boards in general.

The Haliburton board has traditionally taught the youngest students — particularly those from kindergarten to grade three levels — in small schools as close as possible to the children's home

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The speaker is renowned social worker Gary Drenfeld, host of his own TV reality show Newly Wed, Nearly Dead and parenting columnist for the Hamilton Spectator as well as the author of Marriage Rescue: Overcoming the Ten Deadly Sins of Failing Relationships. A portion of the evening will be open for parent questions. More information is on the HHSS website. All are welcome.

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & Friend, Ian Pay
When: Saturday, April 7, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1p.m.

Annual pancake breakfast
When: Saturday April 7, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Highland Grove Recreation Centre
Adults \$8, children \$6. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, coffee, tea, juice and fresh syrup

Lochlin Community Center - Spaghetti Dinner
When: Saturday, April 7
Where: 4713 Gelert Road
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Seatings available for 4:45 or 6:00 dinner
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Sounds of the Night Owl Prowl
When: Saturday April 7, 8 to 10 p.m.
Where: Registered participants will meet at Zion United Church at 8:00pm where carpools will be arranged to the location.
Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. You will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which Pauline monitors for Bird Studies Canada. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment. Admission by donation.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
Wednesday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Minden Animal Hospital 4th annual Customer Appreciation Day
When: Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.
A great way to meet the staff and tour the hospital. Refreshments, cake and some events are planned. Look forward to seeing you there!

Snapping Turtles
David LeGros is an Algonquin Park Naturalist, MNRF, with many years of experience in educating the public about snapping turtles and how we can protect Ontario wild turtles.
When: Tuesday April 17 at 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
General Admission \$5. Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group
When: Wed. April 18.
Pot-Luck Supper 5 to 6 p.m.; speaker 7 p.m.
What: Larry Cotton and his book "Whiskey & Wickedness"
Cost: No charge; everyone welcome
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Prizes for all at Easter egg hunt

DORSET NEWS
Lee Ross
burgesslt@me.com

The second annual Dorset Community Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, March 31 at the Dorset Community Park. Sponsored by Robinson's General Store, Dorset Timber Mart, Charles Ross and the Dorset Health Hub, the event saw about 35 participants, says Karla MacKay. The weather was great, the hot chocolate was warm and everyone got a prize. Karla says she can't wait for next year's Easter egg hunt. Huge thanks to everyone who participated and made the event a success.
April is here but it still doesn't quite feel like spring.

Remember to be careful around lakes and streams as they will begin to open up soon and can be dangerous. There's also no daytime burning between now and Oct. 31 and if you're caught doing so, you could face fines.
There is discussion of a change in the library format from its current form (shelved books to browse in a normal library format), to a pick up and drop off location where books are ordered online only. If this loss of service concerns you, please write your Algonquin Highlands councillor and CC the Haliburton County Public Library board. Contact information can be found on the Algonquin Highlands website.
Happy birthday Rick Morris, Connor Crewson, Jean MacInnis, Katherine Martinko, Bev Robinson and Robbie Drebbitt. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Book looks at wild local history

by JENN WATT
Editor

Author Larry Cotton is intrigued by the untold history of small towns. When he looks at 100-year-old buildings, he says he wonders at who visited these places and what their lives were like.
In particular, Cotton is interested in a window of time when Ontario's rural villages were at their wildest – from about 1825 to 1910 – a time of heavy alcohol use in incredibly difficult circumstances.
He's named a series of books after this period, called *Whiskey and Wickedness*, and has recently published a volume that includes Haliburton County.
"When the first settlers arrived in the town of Haliburton around 1860-1861, one of the local trappers remarked that Haliburton [County area] was only suited for damned fools and bears," he says.
"That was of course when the Canada Land and Emigration Company acquired the 10 townships ... from the provincial government for settlement purposes. That was [nearly] half a million acres. They acquired it for 50 cents an acre including the waterfront, but excluding any swamp. It shows you that land was not placed in high value at that time."
Many settlers came from more urban areas, he says, and were not prepared for what would be required of them.
"They weren't lumbermen and they weren't farmers. A number of them were small tradesmen or totally unskilled. That was a very, very difficult transition for them to make," he says.
During that time, the tavern played an important role in society more broadly.
Pubs were places new immigrants would recognize from home and were frequently the only neutral spaces you could meet with your neighbours and commiserate about the difficulty of your new life.
Meanwhile, shantymen would be coming in and out of these towns.

The escapades make for some interesting tales in Cotton's book, *Whiskey and Wickedness: Kawartha and Haliburton Districts*.

Cotton says he finds the stories by reading through old newspapers of the time and examining other official documents.
"I found there's stories in early newspapers and criminal court records, coroner's inquests, diaries, things like that. They had stories about ghosts, they had stories about murders, fights and colourful individuals that were attached to these places," he says.
Though time consuming, he says the stories are worth it.
"It's a long process. It's not that it's not enjoyable to read these newspapers, but I can sit for three days and only get one story," he says.
Stories include murders, street brawls, drownings and attacks. And there are plenty of examples from Minden, Haliburton, Kinmount and beyond.
He tells the story of a shootout on the street outside the Dominion Hotel in Minden in the 1870s.
"The two hotel owners went out on the street and they'd been arguing and of course they'd been drinking and they had a shootout. The hotel owner from Gooderham was shot in the stomach and as he lay on his back on Bobcaygeon Road, he was bleeding profusely, he tells his onlookers to get him into this carriage because he didn't want to die in a terrible place like Minden," he says.
It was commonplace for people to carry guns with them, Cotton says, crediting the American civil war for introducing the idea that sidearms were a good idea.
"For instance if you went into the barroom in the Dominion Hotel in the 1870s ... the bartender would collect your bullets out of your gun and give them back to you when you left. The fact you can walk into the restaurant barroom today in the Minden hotel and it's the same building. It's changed a lot. This is what flashes through my mind when I walk into a place like that."

The book including the Haliburton Highlands is volume three of the Trent Severn Waterway Series, examining the histories of the settlements along that specific watercourse.
On Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m., Larry Cotton will be at the Haliburton Highlands Museum to give a talk about his book. Copies will be available and admission is by donation.
To find out more about Cotton and his books, visit his website: www.whiskeyandwickedness.ca.

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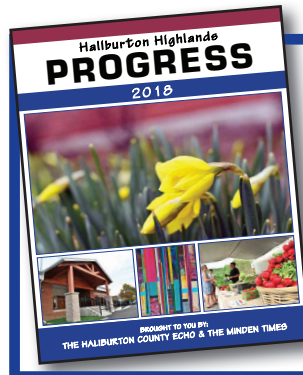
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Job Type: Seasonal with potential for an extension
Location: Algonquin Highlands, Ontario **Wage:** \$14.00 Hourly

Description: Camp Kandalore is located 12 minutes North of Carnarvon in Algonquin Highlands, Ontario. Since 1947 Kandalore has offered an exemplary camp program to campers age 6-16. Kandalore has a rich history of paddling and canoe tripping which complements our dynamic in-camp activity program.
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- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures, building basic storage boxes, canoe racks, paddle racks, shelving units etc.

Requirements:

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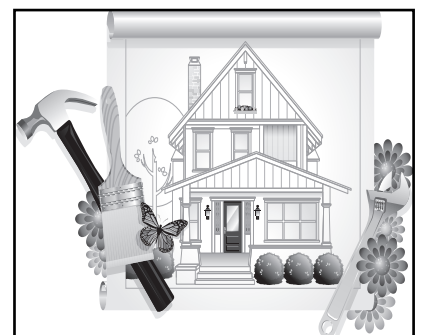
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I would like to thank everyone for their donations and generosity in helping make my dream of a new scooter a reality.

A special thank you to Andrea Strano for setting up a Go Fund Me page, and for Sue Tiffin in writing a great story about me and my scooter.

It means a tremendous amount for me to be independent, and the thoughtfulness of everyone in our great community will never be forgotten.....

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In Loving Memory of

Marcy Morgan

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, March 27, 2018. At the age of 86.

Beloved wife of the late Robert Morgan and Raymond Shore. Dear mother of Keith Shore and his wife Karen, Kara Shore all of Minden. Loving nana to Corrie, Kayla, Matthew, Amy and great nana to Dakota and Riley. Predeceased by 12 brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Monday, April 9, 2018 for a Service to Celebrate Marcy's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441, Kinmount. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Lung Association would be appreciated by the family.



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Lockie Joseph Hughes

*November 30th, 1957 - March 1st, 2018
Son of Keith and Eileen Hughes*

Born and raised in Minden, Lockie loved his land and lakes, but his boundless spirit led him to seek adventure in the West. In the mountains of Alberta he laid down his roots and built his life and family.

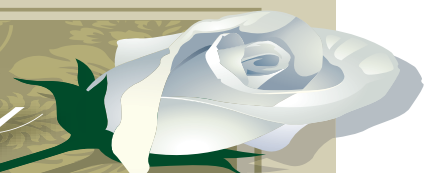
He was skiing in the mountains he loved when he left us in the late afternoon on March 1st 2018.

Lockie leaves behind his most precious treasures, his three children, Brody, Jordan and Whitney.

Together with his family and friends they will celebrate his life this summer when he comes back to his land and lakes.



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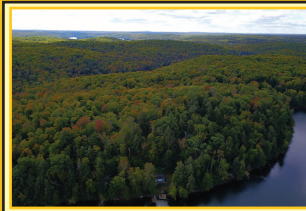
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- Minutes to beach, ski hill & local amenities

Karen Nimigon**
457-2128 x 29**Minden Lake \$319,000**

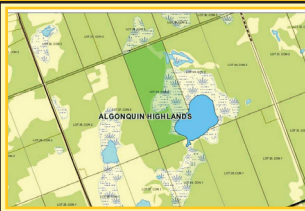
- 3 Season cottage full of charm & character
- 3 Bedrooms, open concept living space
- Sits close to the lake, sand entry to deep water

Kirsten Roe*
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- Centrally located between Haliburton & Minden

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- Lovely 3 bedroom residential home
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- 198 Acres of pasture & woods
- Small Pond & stone walls
- Driveway in, ready to build

Greg Stamp*
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- Home or cottage on 4 acres
- Open concept main floor
- WO basement & sand beach WF

Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52**Picturesque Farm \$699,000**

- Country home on 45 acres of pasture/forest
- 117 ft on Gull River w/ access to Gull Lk
- Separately situated farm & outbuildings

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32**Minden Lot \$99,000**

- Just North of Minden
- 3.5 Acre Lot, 778' Road Frontage
- Driveway In, Hydro @ Lot Line

Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25**Cameron Lake \$650,000**

- 1500 square foot waterfront home or cottage
- Walkout bsmt, high ceilings, much more
- 3 bedroom, 2 baths,

Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25**Canning Lake \$544,000**

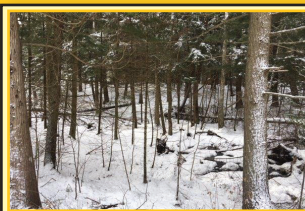
- Winterized 3 bedroom vacation home & bunkie
- Newly renovated, level property, 5 lake chain
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- 5 bdms, 3 baths, open vaulted living space
- Large screen rm, 2 bay garage & boathouse

Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968**West Guilford Lot**

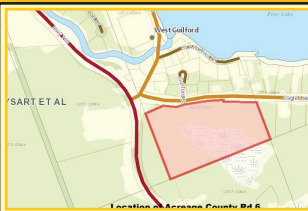
- 1+ acre flat building lot outside of town
- Driveway in and site has been cleared
- Close to shopping and conveniences

Janice Brookes*
457-2128 x 22**Irondale River \$399,900**

- Newer Built Chalet on the Burnt River system
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- Almost 3,000 sq ft of renovated space w/ parking
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754-1932**West Guilford Acreage \$89,000**

- 22.4 acres, forested, with creek (Hurricane)
- 941' on Cnty Rd 6, Many Bldg Sites
- Walking distance to village & lake

Mark Dennys*
457-0473**Bldg Lt on Kashagawigamog Lk \$489,900**

- Apprx 140 Ft Frtg, 1.1 Acres
- Level Lot, NW Exp, 5 Lake Chain
- Between Minden & Haliburton

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